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## Fresno Doctor Recalls Dallas Hospital Scene

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Dr. Harry Fogg was at home eating lunch in Dallas five years ago today when a television announcer said that President John F. Kennedy had been shot.

Fogg did not stop to finish his lunch. He was an intern at Dallas' Parkland Hospital, and he knew that if anything happened to the president in Dallas, he would be taken to Parkland.

"I was on the surgical service at that time and arrived about this time," Charles Fogg says. "Charles Fogg, who had come along and I was let in." "I ran the two blocks from the Fresno recalls, my apartment to the hospital. All the other patients had been cleared out of the section door and went to the emergency section. Kennedy, several doctors and nurses were waiting outside

"There were agents of the Secret Service, men, police and others standing around. I had my black bag with me and this gained me admittance through the first door."

### Confusion

The corridor and lobby inside the entrance was a mass of crying, stricken Texans and members of the president's party. No one seemed to know what was going on inside the closed door leading to the emergency room's surgical suites.

Guards barred his way, but

"Mrs. Kennedy (now Mrs. Aristotle Onassis) was splattered with blood from the wound in the back of Kennedy's head. A wound so devastating that it was impossible to tell if the skull was intact."

Fogg reached the hospital

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## Doctor

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about 15 minutes after Fogg had been rushed there from Dallas parade route where the assassin's shot had struck him.

Fogg was on duty two days later when a man named Lee Harvey Oswald, accused of killing the shot, also was taken to Parkland.

"Oswald was operated on and had severe wounds in his liver, kidney and spleen repaired," Fogg says. "His heart stopped but the surgeons were able to get it started again. A few hours later, it stopped again and nothing we could do would get it to start pumping. He died from it."

Weeks before that, in 1967, everyone in Parkland knew that it had been designated as the hospital to be used if anything untoward happened during Kennedy's visit to Dallas.

"When the first call came that [assassin] was being brought in, everyone thought it was a trick, it turns out," Fogg says. "We had all day to clean up and everything I'll never see again."

→ Went to back door (at about the time Ruby was the e? Someone should ask him this)